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## Colleges Honor MBA Seniors

By Scott Carey

As April 15th neared, many seniors anxiously awaited their notices accepting them into college. However, there were a few who had the luxury of accepting a scholarship which had already been offered to them.

These scholarships are based on the academic excellence of the student rather than the student's need for financial aid. The merit-based scholarships further differ from the financial aid scholarships in that the colleges seek out the merit recipients instead of the student applying for the scholarship; therefore, it is a great honor to be offered a merit-based scholarship.

MBA is fortunate this year to have several students who have been offered merit-based scholarships.

Bryan Hassel received the Morehead Award from UNC. The Morehead Foundation will pay for all four years of Hassel's tuition, books, and room and board. In addition, the university will provide

summer jobs. After his junior year, Hassel will have the opportunity to travel abroad in a self-designed internship.

Mark Finks was also among the seniors to receive a scholarship. He won the Carswell Scholarship to Wake Forest. Bill Treanor received an engineering scholarship to Tennessee Tech. Brent Graham, Matt Drury, David Wood, and John Edwards all were offered scholarships to Southwestern. Stephen Westermann qualified at a special program at Southern Methodist University in which he will be able to finish his four year requirements in only three years. Jimmy O'Neil was a finalist for the Presidential Award at SMU.

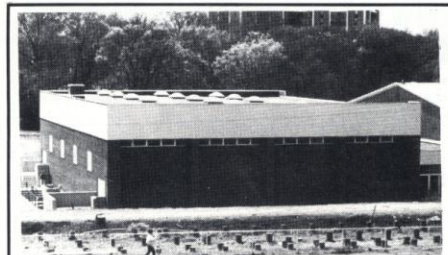
Finally, Tony Rafalowski has been offered two extremely prestigious scholarships. Washington University chose him for the Chancellors Honorary Scholarship, while the University of Virginia distinguished him as an Echols scholar.

All of these scholarships do not include the National Merit Scholar-

ship recipients who have not been officially announced yet. According to Mr. Drake, MBA has at least eight students who won these.

Merit Scholarships range in value from a one-thousand dollar honorary stipend to the full cost of a college education. The full-ride awards are offered only by certain schools. Most of the National Merit scholarships are applicable only at the school listed by the recipient as his first choice.

The number of merit scholarships won this year certainly has distinguished the senior class as a very talented group.



The last phase of the campus expansion is the addition to the Brownlee O'Currey Gymnasium, shown here. The new gym will provide more practice space as well as numerous other needed facilities. Story on page 3.

## MBA Holds 1st Annual Career Day

By Jeff Dukes and Tommy Outlaw

In a continuing effort to provide a more comprehensive and innovative guidance program, MBA sponsored what will probably become an annual event: Career

Day. The program was begun with the idea of exposing students to a variety of career opportunities available to them and giving them a chance to investigate the pro's and con's of each profession.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the guidance department drew from a diverse pool of Nashville professionals. Many of these speakers who donated their valuable time to the program were MBA alumni. The careers offered covered a number of different fields including business, medicine, law, politics, communication, advertising, and different areas of engineering. Each student was allowed to choose four topics that most interested him.

The students met for a fifty-minute talk with each speaker, followed by a question-answer session. In each presentation, the speaker related to the students the nature of his occupation, the preparation necessary to enter the

field, and the reasons he chose his particular vocation.

On the whole, Career Day received rave reviews. The students, at first expecting Career Day to be just a way to get out of class, soon found it to be a valuable learning experience. From a faculty perspective, Career Day was also seen as a valuable experience. Mr. Ed White, MBA's new college admissions counselor, saw Career Day as an opportunity for students to replace false ideas about certain occupations with accurate, first-hand information.

Based on his college experience at Davidson University, Mr. White said that a Career Day-type activity is useful even at the college level and that the earlier the exposure to "real world" occupations, the better for the student. He also stressed that in the future, the students could expect to have a "broader spectrum" of choices.

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## LeQuire Art Show Honors Mrs. Greene

By Grey Petznick, David Chickey, and Bryan Hassel

Recently, Mrs. Louise LeQuire and son Alan LeQuire came to MBA's Patrick Wilson Library and showed much of their fine work at an art show in the Patrick Wilson Library as a special tribute to Mrs. Phoebe Greene, MBA's former remedial reading teacher who retired last year.

Mrs. LeQuire, a painter of oils and watercolors, is a graduate of Ward Belmont and Peabody with a masters in art. She has taught at many different schools, including Ward Belmont, and is greatly responsible for MBA's own art department which she headed from 1967-1981. She has recently been guest curator at the Carl Sublett Retrospective at the Tennessee Museum.

Her son, sculptor Alan LeQuire, is a former MBA student. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. He has been a sculptor in Rome, travelled abroad in France, and worked with sculptor Peter Agostini.

Mrs. LeQuire's paintings are mostly landscapes and portraits. In her watercolors, she creates a free-floating quality enhanced by her colors which are of the utmost importance to her work.

Her "Blue Surge," a watercolor of tide rolling in, is a violent mixture of blues which create a feeling of a turbulent sea. This work relies on its free stroke and her choice of bright colors to create this effect. Mrs. LeQuire's other works of landscapes, seascapes, and portraits, such as "Karen," on the

most part utilize her choice of colors and stroke to create a happy and warm mood which is both pleasing and relaxing.

Alan LeQuire's series of about twelve sculptures was also at this show. His sculptures show both an understanding of realism and emotion. The harsh realism of works, such as the portrait of Carl Flygt, is emphasized by a rough texture but also exudes an emotional appeal to the viewer. The work is dramatic yet somber at the same time, vividly catching one's attention.

Yet in contrast to this harsh textured work, Mr. LeQuire also produces works that convey a soft, loving ideal. An example of this effect is the "Mother and Child." The emotion here is that of sweetness and love but without the confines of a stark realism, having a molded, non-real look.

The most emotional work Mr. LeQuire presents is that of "The Dying Christ." Seriousness, pain, torture, and sorrow are all shown here; yet, in contrast is the happy and comical looking work of "The Shepherd."

One of the reasons why this art showing is so notable in MBA history is that it honors Mrs. Phoebe Greene, the former remedial reading and spelling teacher at MBA. Mrs. Greene has had a distinguished career, working around the world in art, teaching, and missionary work. Mrs. Greene was personally responsible for the establishment of the art department at MBA, and thus it is fitting that the LeQuire art show was exhibited in her honor.

Mrs. Greene graduated from

Radcliffe College with a major in art history. After working as assistant curator in the print department of the Cleveland Museum of Art for two years, she secured her first teaching job, instructing students in the history of prints and painting at the Winsor and May Schools in Boston.

For about twenty years, Mrs. Greene and her husband, a medical missionary, lived and worked in China. While her husband taught at Cheeow University Medical School, Mrs. Greene had her first stab at teaching remedial reading and spelling.

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## An Antidote for Apathy

The last year of the Class of '84 at MBA is drawing to a close, with only a few weeks left. Most of the Seniors know where they are going to college and are trying to spend the remainder of their days at MBA peacefully so they will be able to have fond memories of their swansong at this institution. But judging from a recent crop of bumper stickers, the Class seems to be getting tired of the usual MBA grind, after having endured four to six years of themes, demerit halls, term papers, athletics, SAT's, PSAT's, and TSSAA's, and as Seniors still continue to uphold the school tradition of gentleman, scholar, and athlete (and concerned citizen).

One way to remedy this situation is through the granting of Senior

privileges—to ease the grip slightly. Mr. Bondurant has said that this year's Senior Class is outstanding and that he has really "struggled to come up with" some viable privileges, but as of now none of the Student Council's or other student's proposals have met approval. It is unfortunate that when searching for a way to reward a particularly good class, one has to become so careful in considering the potential for the abuse of the privilege that he overlooks the intended recipients of the privilege.

The Bell Ringer, therefore, is making an appeal for ideas for a viable privilege. Perhaps more input could help Mr. Bondurant in

finding such a privilege. Not only will a solution help this year's Senior Class, it will also reward future Senior Classes.

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Faculty, students, and friends enjoy the opening of the Myles Maillie art show, currently being displayed in MBA's Patrick Wilson Library.

## MBA Expands Curriculum

By Bill Crook and Harry Payne

This fall, MBA students will gain two elective courses: the first a classical Greek course to be taught by Dr. Gaffney, and a social studies course to be taught by Mr. Williams.

Dr. Gaffney has had an interest in initiating a classical Greek course for the past few years. It was not until this year, though, that his idea of such a course became a reality. Dr. Gaffney felt that since MBA is one of the few preparatory schools that still offer a Latin course, a classical Greek course would enhance MBA's classics-oriented curriculum.

The course will be treated as an honors course since it will operate at a faster rate requiring a significant amount of individual work. It will be offered to Juniors as a fifth course and to Seniors as a fourth course.

The program will approximate a first year college course. It will be based on significant reading, including a combination of a language course, a literature course, and a history course.

The topics that will be studied during the year are as follows:

- Peloponnesian War
- Changing moral climate in 5th century Athens focusing on Socrates
- Athenian views of justice

By Don Fish

A number of MBA students have recently been participating in a new, student council-sponsored service project. On certain Saturdays, a group of MBA boys travel to the soup kitchen at the Church of the Holy Name to prepare and serve the food for the day. In the first few Saturdays, MBA students have helped feed many Nashvillians desperately in need of a meal. The service is especially meaningful since the students also pay for the meals through voluntary contributions at class meetings.

Most people from MBA who have worked at the soup kitchen have experienced more than they

-Citizenship and slavery  
-Man and gods

Students will learn the basics of the Greek language while studying these topics of the ancient world.

The social studies course to be taught next year by Mr. Williams was instituted for the purpose of complementing MBA's already strong History program. According to Mr. Williams, the course will deal with current issues and problems, focusing on political science during the first semester and economics in the second. Ordinarily, Mr. Williams said, economics would be taught first; however he feels that because next year is an election year, political science would be taught first; however, election campaign is in process.

The new social studies course will be offered to all upper school students but will not replace the two core history courses already required. It should become a popular elective offering among MBA students.

The curriculum changes came about principally because the two faculty members who are teaching the courses have urged their initiation for a while. Though not part of the strictly academic curriculum traditional at MBA, the courses should provide a unique addition to MBA's college preparatory program.

## 7th and 8th Grades Have Busy Spring

By David Smith

Thirteen students from MBA were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society during a recent assembly. The criteria to be met for induction are three consecutive semesters with an average grade of at least ninety (90) during the seventh, eighth, ninth, or tenth grades. While attending MBA Eight of these students met this criteria before graduating from the Junior School. They are Rob Archer, David Chen, Kurt Gilliland, Charlie Hailey, Brion Hassler, Jim Norris, David Spickard and Robbie Westermann.

One of these students, Charlie Hailey, has been nominated by the faculty for the Melrose Citizenship of the Year Award, sponsored by the Melrose Civitan Club. All Junior School students can be commended for their attempt to boost the spirits of the members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Lebanon during the Christmas season by sending well over 100 Christmas cards to them. In in-

expected. For one, the people who come to the soup kitchen aren't as far removed from the world as one might think. They have several good ideas and thoughts and waste no time in expressing these thoughts to the first person they talk to. After the students have prepared the food and set the tables, the extremely talkative guests begin to arrive, some deliriously happy, others a bit depressed, but all seem glad to have someone who will listen to them and react to what they are saying.

One man I talked with began our discussion by commenting on the weather and ended up giving me suggestions on where I ought to go to college—he made as much sense in what he was saying as any of the college representatives I've heard. He was a fascinating person, and I hated to leave our talk in order to clean up, but another man came along and they soon struck up a loaded conversation.

Later, as I was cleaning off the tables, I noticed a much younger man sitting by himself, staring at a wall. When I spoke to him, he

seemed extremely disillusioned and confused. He told me of his attempts to break into country music and how he soon planned to move out of the Union Mission into an apartment, if "all things worked out." When I returned to my table-cleaning, he remained at the table and occasionally asked for more coffee.

When the majority of the guests had left to return to their regular Saturday, a few remained with us and continued to talk, laugh, and have a good time. Some were even eager to help clean up, and although I had been prepared for an uncomfortable experience, I had as much fun as if I had been with several of my close friends. I had gone as a spectator and ended up making many new friends, most of whom I will never see nor hear from again. I'm sure I'm not alone in this view—most of the other students expressed these same feelings. As we pulled away from the church after a busy day of making new acquaintances, I slowly had a change of mind, and returned to my normal Saturday, like everyone else.

## ...Career Day

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MBA students might take in their future careers.

Mr. Billy Tate, MBA's debate coach and speech teacher who has seen several career-oriented programs at his previous school, called MBA's Career Day "one of the most well-organized programs" he has ever seen. Tate called MBA's Career Day a "wide sampling of possible careers," providing information about both positive and negative factors as well as the ranges of preparation for each.

Though there were some complaints about the Day, including a desire for speakers on commercial art and music, Mr. White attributed these problems to the experimental nature of Career Day and said that, in the future, such problems could be ironed out. Overall, Career Day was viewed by most as a chance to gain insight into those paths that

## Quiz Bowl

By Hudson Walker

The Quiz Bowl team, comprised of Captain Ran Van Riper and seniors Kyle Knight, Tony Ratalowski, Bryan Hassel and sophomores Scott Pearson, Willie Lin, and Rob Page, traveled to Hillwood April 6 and 7 to earn third place after weeks of consistent, vigorous practices. However, the team won first place on March 3 in their first Quiz Bowl of the year after just one informal practice. Coach Billy Tate without a doubt believes that "This team could beat TSU hands down and give Vanderbilt a good run for their money."

## Behind The Scenes: A Report On The MBA Board Of Trustees

By John-Lindell Pfeffer

Occasionally, we are visited at lunch by the MBA Board of Trustees, but most students do not know exactly what functions this body performs. The Bell Ringer talked to Mr. Bondurant about the behind-the-scenes work of the Trustees.

According to Mr. Bondurant, the Board is chiefly concerned with the school's financial welfare. It oversees the school's general policies and does some long-term planning. The Board also controls the general philosophy of the school, deciding policies such as whether MBA should be academic or vocational in its orientation. Board members also make tuition decisions and approve the budget.

Presently, the MBA Board is primarily dealing with the new building being done around campus. The Building Committee is working on a new soccer field and deciding what to do with the old stands. The members have decided to tear the old stadium down but are not sure what will replace it.

The Building Committee is also designing a new maintenance shed. In all these plans, the Board tries to assess the needs of both faculty and students.

The Board is also pursuing a study of other prep schools in the nation who have turned in better college acceptance rates than MBA. The purpose of the study is to determine exactly what these schools have in the way of college counseling that MBA lacks. One notable result of the study thus far has been the hiring of Ed White, a full-time college counselor at the school.

In summary, Mr. Bondurant pointed out that the Board's biggest concern is to maintain MBA's financial strength without raising tuition. It wants MBA to remain responsible fiscally. To do this, the Board hopes to enlarge the endowment which funds a lot of our yearly expenses. The Board feels that our biggest asset is our students and faculty, thus its main thrust is to create an environment that will attract the best of both.

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The relatively new Massey Building is the home of the 7th and 8th grades at MBA. The junior school has had an active spring in academics, athletics, and community service.



## MBA Speech Team Fares Well

By Scott Bennett

The MBA Forensics team has had perhaps its best year yet. Although not as much to be feared at tournaments as its celebrated debate counterpart, the forensics team has managed to achieve some notable success this year in individual events.

The team kicked off the year September 4 with a Student Congress in which John Pamplin and Scott Bennett were both nominated as most outstanding speaker. September 17-18 saw Scott Carey take first place at Ole Miss in his first-ever attempt at Original Oratory with his speech entitled "Loneliness." The next week, Tony Rafalowski captured second in Extemporaneous Speaking and Scott Carey again took first in Original Oratory at the Mars Hill Invitational held in Florence, Alabama.

During October, MBA swept competition with Tony "Ralph" Falowski taking first at Grissom, Scott Bennett getting nominated and John Pamplin winning Most Outstanding Speaker at Student Congress and Tony getting first in Lincoln-Douglas Debate followed by Scott Carey with a disappointing second in Original Oratory. November saw Scott Carey and Tony Rafalowski breaking into the last round in Original Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking, respectively. Tony and John then traveled to Chicago to compete in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament at Glenbrook South, both dropping in the semi-final rounds.

The team suffered a blow from the loss of John Pamplin during the Christmas break. The team next competed at the National Forensic League District Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament held the 10-11 of February. Scott Bennett faced the wrath of Tate after dropping in

the third round in the double elimination tournament. However, the team was still more than alive and Tony "Ralph" Falowski managed to compete to the sixth round where he fell to a strong opponent. MBA's hopes rested on the none-too broad shoulders of John-Lindell Pfeiffer who stunned all in his L-D debate by losing only in the final round to take second overall.

On March 11, Scott Bennett, Scott Carey, and Tony Rafalowski competed in the Tennessee Speech and High School Debate District Tournament. In his first shot at After Dinner Speaking (they! It's an event), Scott Bennett took first place with his eight-minute satire entitled "Life at MBA." Scott Carey, to no one's surprise, took first in Original Oratory, and Tony Rafalowski took first in Extemporaneous Speaking, an event requiring a 4-7 minute speech prepared in only 20 minutes. All MBA speakers swept their rounds and got all first rankings. On April 4 in Memphis, the forensic team qualified MBA for the Sweepstakes

Trophy by Tony's second place finish in Extemporaneous Speaking and Scott Carey's fifth place in Original Oratory.

April 14 will climax the year when Scott Carey, Scott Bennett, and Tony Rafalowski compete in the State Tournament in Original Oratory, After Dinner Speaking, and Extemporaneous Speaking, respectively.

On April 28, Tony Rafalowski, Scott Bennett, John-Lindell Pfeiffer, Jim Gardner, Charlie Reason, and Jeffrey Frace will go to the State Capitol to compete in the year's last Student Congress where all hope to bring back top awards.

The final event of the year will be the State Congress and L-D Tournament to be held at Heritage High School in Mayville on May 5. With the graduation of Tony and the retirement of Scott Carey, the forensic team may face a challenge of repeating '83-'84's achievements next year, but with infusion of new blood and summer workshops, the team can still look forward to a strong showing next year.

## ...Mrs. Greene

(Continued from page 1) ing. Despite this specialty, Mrs. Greene found that wherever she travelled, she always concentrated on art, which she calls "the bridge between peoples."

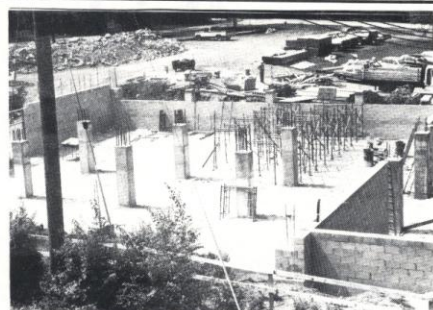
In the '50's, Mrs. Greene returned to the U.S., studied remedial reading education at Peabody, and came to MBA. Helping individual students with reading and spelling was a great source of joy for her. She once said: "I love teaching reading and spelling! If a student can tackle and unlock new words, his entire life may be changed. It is like playing on a human harp."

In her long career, Mrs. Greene has received many distinguished

awards. One notable one was awarded her in 1973: The Distinguished Alumnae Recognition Award of Radcliffe College. Her most recent honor was the dedication of the MBA art show in remembrance of her long and faithful service to the school.

Mrs. Greene retired from MBA in 1983, but she is still helping students, young and old, both by tutoring in her home and through the impact she made on MBA while she was here.

The Bell Ringer thanks Mrs. Betty Davies for the biographical information used in this article.



This view of the new gym addition was photographed early during its construction. Compare this shot with the completed construction on page 1.

## Expansion Near Completion

By David F. Wood

So, there you are, saying to yourself: "Why am I, Joe Q. Student, reading the 14th or 15th article in the past two years regarding MBA campus expansion?" Well, I'll tell you. You may not be interested to know about the new stadium, track, baseball diamond, or Junior School Building. You want to know about the mysterious final phase of the \$7.5 million expansion: the gym.

The addition to the gym, which will be 20,000 square feet, adds many of the facilities that MBA lacks. It will contain a laundry room, to be used for towels and uniforms. It will also include more locker space to ease the overcrowding in existing rooms. There will be two very large rooms in the new gymnasium that will be for weightlifting and wrestling, replacing the old weight room/ wrestling

emporium of days past.

The advantages of having specific new rooms will be more space for each activity and easy access from the main athletic complex.

Other features of the new gym will be a new training room with new tables, an ice machine, and whirlpools. Also, the upstairs will include a new basketball court and a new concession stand. The former will supply needed practice space; the latter will be for all varsity basketball spectators.

In addition to the most visible additions to the gym, there will be improvements made to existing facilities. New carpet, paint, and fire doors will be added to the present varsity locker room. A new lab for Honors/AP Biology and Chemistry will add significantly to the science facilities in the gym. The additions will all be completed in time for use next year.

## MBA Debate Wins NFL District

By Sam Chang

The 1983-4 debate team has continued MBA's dominance over Tennessee debate. For the 5th straight year, MBA is sending a debate team to the NFL Nationals, to be held this year in San Antonio, Texas. The top team of seniors Sam Chang and Griffin Vincent were the winners of the NFL District. By going 6-0, this team hit MBA's dynamic second team of Tommy Outlaw and Robert Harris in the finals. During the same contest, a surprising upstart John-Lindell Pfeiffer was second in L-D debate, while the MBA stalwart L-D debater Tony Rafalowski, finished a rather disappointing 5th.

The next tournament was the Selma High Invitational. Many expected Vincent and Chang to "blow off" the tournament. The two, however, had different thoughts entirely. Selma was the former school of MBA Coach Mr. Tate, who had built a debate and forensics dynasty there. Griffin and Sam were anxious to win for him. After an eventful drive to reach the metropolis of Selma (including a bottle which shattered a window), the teams of Vincent/Chang, Doug Johnson/Kyle Hardin, and Robert Harris/Madison Laird were all ready to perform well, and perform well they did, despite the best of Southern competition.

Doug and Kyle reached octofinals. Robert and Madison reached the semis before bowing out to Chang/Vincent. The team went on

to win the final round in convincing fashion with a 3-0 decision. Speaker awards went to Harris (8th), Laird (3rd), Vincent (2nd), and Chang (1st). The big surprise was Robert Harris' 3rd place in extemp, a victory which assured MBA the tournament Sweepstakes despite its small team.

After this accomplishment, the seniors were now prepared to begin to turn over the program to younger students. While Griffin was in Florida attempting to darken his rather pale skin and Sam was hitting the slopes in Vail, the dedicated youngsters attended the State Qualifier tourney held at MBA. This tournament was a qualifying event for the State Tournament to be held on April 13-14. Madison Laird (disguised as Tommy Outlaw) and Robert Harris won the single-day event with a 3-0 record. The team of Paul Kahlon and Niku Wasudev claimed 2nd place. Speaker awards went to Johnson (8th), Kahlon (4th), Laird (3rd), Harris (2nd), and Wasudev (1st). Scott Carey and Tony Rafalowski both qualified in their respective events.

The Spring season in debate is very light. The main emphasis is on qualifying a second team for nationals. After the State Tournament, the team looks forward to the Tournament of Champions, the Catholic Forensic League Nationals, and the NFL Nationals. Hopefully, the winning ways of MBA will continue at these important season-ending tournaments.

## Roberts Room Opened To Students

By Bryan Hassel

Of all the improvements that have been made to MBA's Brownlee O'Curry Gymnasium this year, by far the first to be completed was the Roberts Trophy Room, a plush meeting room/lounge donated by Mr. and

Mrs. Kenneth Roberts in memory of their son Steve. Since its construction, the room has been used by many groups, such as FCA and SADD, but only recently has the room been open to students during the school day for studying and relaxing.



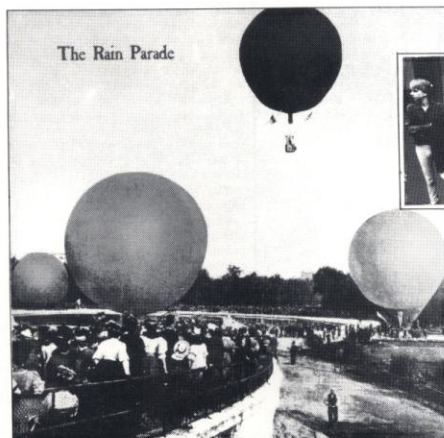
Seniors study and relax in the new Roberts Trophy Room in the gym. The room was recently opened for student use during the day.

## Paisley World

Here she comes again—that bastion of funniness and oneness, psychedelia, has once again burst upon the music scene with the Green on Red's release of *Gravity Talks* and The Rain Parade's *Emergency Third Rail River Trip*. These two albums are a part of the third wave of psychedelia, less continued than the self-consciously revivalist New Psychedelia of Summer '81 and trailing back to the original Psychedelia of Summer '67. Open your mind and take a look.

### Green on Red *Gravity Talks*

Vocalist Dan Stuart shows an emotion that any teenager who has ever been frustrated with the status quo can identify with. A good cure for apathy. Fave tracks: "Gravity talks," "5 Easy Pieces," and "Brave Generation."



### The Rain Parade *Emergency Third Rail River Trip*

For those people sick of the Romantics Top Ten Teen Triumph, the opening cut "Talking in My Sleep" by Rain Parade provides an ethical alternative to the mindless sludge into which the cor-

porate rock world has transformed the once-tolerable Romantics. Hyperdistorted guitar, sitar, and flute keep the sleepy melodies from making the listener drift into the netherland of dreaming (sleep).

## Cornplanting in America

By Corner Planters of America—  
Russ Coleman, Billy Bob Treanor,  
and Bud Knight

### Corn Planting in America— A History of Canada

"Fall footsteps on a forest path." Thick grow the shadows like stooping drunken Titans until there is nothing but a tunnel of dark. Time does not intrude; distance does not breathe. And through the pregnant silence a wanderer treads through the ancient holy corridor to the end. But in the world of dreams there is no end; there is no beginning. And at the moment of his contentment the wanderer crashes into the endless northern plains of eternal exits in every direction. Here there is no pain, here there is no death; only corn . . . life in its endless blinding complexity in spiraling ecstasies of growth. For these great northern plains stretching in epic splendor quell the pride of man. In atonal whispers, in cool evening mists, they wail "Man is vanquished, man is lost." And in the morning man gazes upon sun-scorched splendor and retreats to lands of familiar life in death and the corn alone survives. Beautiful, free and in each budding kernel of golden life their dwells a covering History of Existence—a History of Canada."

(pause)  
He glanced on us in innocent pride of his own worth not dreaming of the vastness of our purpose. "Well now where be you boys a heading." In outward manifestation of our mute inward agreement came the single reply "To the other side." He mulled over the wide flowing river and shuddered at the reply sunk into his heart. "Well now, lemme think, you boys talk real smart, but I don't see no money and I don't give no favors." In a stone faced answer—"We have corn."

"What?"  
"Corn!"—said with eyes of gleaming gold. He paused to regain his senses as he gazed upon the golden ears . . . We paused on the other side watching his boat reek of Canada as it retreated from us. "We chased our pleasures here, dug our treasures there . . ."—all songs sound the same on broken truck radios, but the wind hints of . . .

Our trek North was not easy nor was it swift and history was made as history was found. But "Schlock!" America makes a beautiful sound when it's opened, and for now, Time and Distance have no meaning.

While searching through my record collection, looking for more records to review, I came upon an old friend (and a proud summer) from the psychedelic age, circa 1967. "Incense and Peppermints" by the Strawberry Alarm Clock must be the song from which all psychedelic songs should be judged. The chorus "who cares what things we choose; little to win, but nothing to lose" and the opening lines "Laa Laa, good sense, innocence cripple mankind; dead kings, many things, I can define" typify the essence of this noble cacophony. If you can find this disc at the Great Escape, snap it up—it could change your life.

Other psychedelic songs of note—The Blues, Magoos single, "We Ain't Got Nothing Yet," the Rolling Stones' "2000 Light Years" (from *Their Satanic Majesties Request*) and "Tomorrow Never Knows" off the Beatles' *Revolver*. If you're looking for an alternative to the top 40 record scene, try these songs. Don't worry—they won't bite.

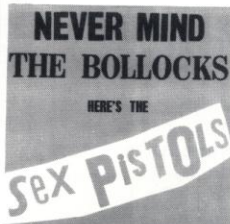


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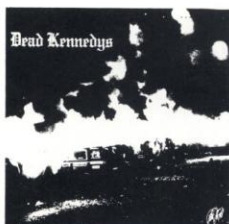
Last Friday night while D-J-ing a party, I slipped in a few classic punk and hardcore tunes (to see how the audience reacted). At first they were confused—how do you dance to it, Bill?—but after some understanding people-in-the-know showed them how to skank, the teens took off. The fact that the kids didn't notice the tunes is understandable—Nashville's radio, doesn't exactly cater to much other than country or top forty. Since one of the duties of the *Bell Ringer* is to educate the reader, it is time to give the *BR* reader a survey of punk, hopefully to prime further interest in this music genre.

## Sex Pistols "Never Mind the Bollocks"

Best record to start a punk music category in your record collection. Great album to listen to when angry—it makes one even more irritated. You may have heard of Sid Vicious and Johnny Rotten—they're on this album. Top fave tracks: "Anarchy in the UK," "God Save the Queen," and "Holidays in the Sun." By the way—if it ever returns to Sarratt, the movie *D.O.A.* features vintage Sex Pistols on tour in America.



**Dead Kennedys**  
*Fresh Fruits for Rotting Vegetables*  
O.K.—So they don't like the bomb, war, or poverty—what's new? Dead Kennedys are an American original—they've been around for years and will continue to be a dominant force in American punk. "Fresh Fruits . . ." explores many important issues hand-tailored for the militant liberal in your family. Vocalist Jello Biafra's politics (and mind) may be a little off-center, but the band as a whole produces a sound that is sure to please anyone who likes interesting rock music. Commercial? Well, not really. Entertaining? Me thinks so.



## Clash "Black Mark Clash"

Yesir, the Clash were there in the beginning, too—lean, hungry, and ready to strike. This album is a compilation of their earliest releases from 1977-1980, a document of a distressed and decaying Great Britain. A vestige from the golden age of Punk—you can dance to the songs and not feel guilty about doing so. Fave tracks: "Cheat," "Pressure Drop," and "Capitol Radio One."



## Minor Threat "Out of Step"

Minor Threat is a straight-edge hardcore punk band—they don't drink, smoke, drug, or otherwise. Coming with a lyric sheet, this record is just what your rebellious little brother needs before he gets too messed up. And if they can take the dialogue, your parents might learn a thing or two also. Fave tracks: "Think Again" and "Out of Step."



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There is currently a "revolution" in the music business that is attempting to replace records with Laser of Compact Discs (CD's). Presently, CD players are priced well out of the range of the average listener; and the compact discs themselves run about twenty dollars each. I imagine, however, that this equipment, like all new technology, will become less expensive over the next few years, or even months. Competition is getting fierce. Players are being manufactured by everyone from Sears to Sony, and the competition can only lead to lower prices.

Commercial Digital Compact Discs were introduced by Sony and Philips in 1983; however, the ideas behind such technology have been around for many years. Thomas Edison invented the phonograph in 1877, one year after the invention of the telephone by Bell. His re-

number of sales in one year. The CD will probably become just as popular.

As I listened to a disc of Mussorgsky-Ravel's "Pictures at an Exhibition," one of my favorite pieces, I was fascinated not by the music, but by the clarity of the recording. My anticipation was not aesthetic; rather, I waited for something to go wrong. Won't somebody cough? Won't somebody hit his bow against the music stand? I came to one conclusion: Russian music sounds better scratched and dusty. Then I realized only contemporary music makes the best use of the CD. Besides, I couldn't see myself buying a compact laser disc of Felix Mendelssohn, Diago Reinhardt, or Hank Williams; and I'd miss the romance of "unbreakable" "full-frequency range recordings" with all the harsh realities of life.



By Matt Dolloff

cordings were made on cylinders, the originals being tinfoil.

Ten years, later, 1887, Emil Besliner made the first recording in the phonograph disc, using the lateral modulation still in use today. In 1895, the first magnetic recording was made, on a cylinder, by Vlademar Poulsen with his "telegraphon." In 1901, he decided to put the magnetic signals on a disc rather than on a cylinder, thus creating the first compact disc some 82 years before the "revolution."

Ironically, these first discs had exactly the same diameter as the modern ones and had comparable "driving" systems. Similarly, the forerunner of the tape recorder, the Magnetophon, was developed in Germany in 1934 for propaganda purposes; and tapes were not made commercial as compact cassettes until 1964 again by Philips. Cassette tapes have now passed records in

But I have a fundamental problem with these systems—they sound too good. Music itself can never be perfect, for it is a pure contemplation made tangible by the hand of man. The perfection of the musical ideal, therefore, is not in the composition or even in the interpretation, but in the appreciation. It is certainly not in the recording. As Schopenhauer would say, the appreciation of music, like that of any art, is a momentary liberation from the will. The liberation evokes in the listener images that are relevant to his own appreciation. Therefore, it is my contention that a recording of super quality defeats its own purpose. The straight-forwardness leaves little opportunity for imaginative musings.

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## Triumph for MBA Drama

### By Todd Bottorff

MBA received its first sample of a professional play in *Godspell*. The play involved a casual atmosphere allowing actors to expand their creativity. The result was a well-tuned combination of music, humor, and drama. The book of Matthew never had so much energy and vitality. The music involved in the play was on a professional level allowing the actors to find new musical talent away from the old "sing the right tune"-type musical. MBA witnessed a revelation in its drama program.

Jim Poston and Rick Seay should be proud of such an accomplishment. The director, Rick Seay, put the right talent in a good environment and watched it explore new bounds. The performance only had two constant characters, Jesus;

(Drew Moore) and Judas/John: (Tim Don). Both delivered remarkable performances. The rest of the cast played different roles throughout the performance. The actors from MBA (David Wood, Michael Starr, and John Bauman) gave MBA's drama program new life and hope. The audience realized that the performance deserved much greater credit than was given.

The entertaining production leaves the MBA players a very difficult goal: to deliver a better play than *Godspell*. The production leaves a very interesting question: should MBA increase support of the creative arts? With such a remarkable array of talent, it is difficult for the student body to avoid asking, how much better could their productions be with the proper support? The bounds seem limitless.



By Jeff Dukes  
and Bill Crook

Varoom! Ah, the welcoming sound of a Tourist Cruiser Special bus starting up. The idling engine signals to the waiting crowd of colorfully clad Music City visitors that the highlight of their vacation, a Grey Line tour of "Nashveel, Tennessee" is about to begin. Nothing left to do, then, but hop on board the luxurious (polyester seats) roadship that is to be our sightseeing escort for the next two and one-half hours and get ready for a doubtless memorable and enlightening tour of the Country Music Capital of the World!

10:30 am: With all the lucky passengers on board, the bus rolls out of the historic, yet staid district of lower Broad and heads toward the universally revered mecca of Country Corner, USA. After disembarking, the voyagers make a mad dash for Twitty City II, the world's largest Country Music souvenir center. Thirty minutes later, the customers leave after practically emptying the store of all "Forget Hell" license plates, rebel bandanas, Bocephus hat tacks, and of course, the popular Stars and Bars (Rebel flag).

11:15am: The crowd surges into the doors of the famous Car Collector's Hall of Fame where there is a brief but ugly struggle to determine who will be first to see the "Elvis Cadillac."

11:50am: After regaining some measure of self-control after this scuffle (which is understandable given the emotional intensity of the moment), the anxious visitors are persuaded to reboard the bus and leave the sacred automotive shrine on the condition that the driver would take them past the now-closed Elvis-a-Rama to get one last

glimpse at the King's most worshipped Music City monument.

12:40pm: The next stop on the Grey Line agenda is the long awaited journey to Hendersonville's one and only House of Cash, which is, of course, a shrine dedicated to Johnny himself. However, on the way there a brief stop at Madison's finest restaurant, The Days Inn Tasty World along I-65 North, to satisfy the mounting hunger of the eager tourists. What was meant to be a quiet lunch hour turned into nothing less than outright mayhem when Porter Wagner is spotted at the register. Once the commotion subsided, the crowd returns to their tables where they quickly devour the Tasty World specialty: Chuckwagon steak. All then reboard the bus.

1:30pm: The roadship quickly passes through Madison (the state's fifth largest retail center), bound for the excitement to be had along the country music corridor of Gallatin Road in Hendersonville (where, along with the House of Cash, such havens as Twitty City and the new Ernest Tubbs record shop exist). Arriving at the House of Cash, the visitors disembark and enter the House where they unwind among Johnny's gun collection and gold records. After the House of Cash, one last stop is made at the Conway Showcase, where several large black velvet wall hangings emblazoned with a colorful portrait of Mr. Twitty were bought.

2:00pm: (Lower Broad) The tour now being over had caused many of the visitors, who before had considered Gatlinburg to be the vacation playground of Tennessee to consider Nashville as perhaps more suitable for such an honor.

## Locals Only

By Ben Vance

### Local Radio

What station in Nashville plays local rock? 103-KDF? Kicks-104? Maybe the new, improved 96 KISS? No. Absolutely not. In fact, the only place in Nashville that plays local bands is the irrepressible 91 Rock, WRVU. Although the station sometimes wanders into the area of weird music, it plays the best Nashville has to offer, 24 hours a day. Tune it in sometime.

And what kind of local rock can you hear? Not just on 91, but in the various clubs around town? What is the local scene?

### The White Animals

Without a doubt, the first local band that comes to most everybody's mind is the White Animals. Perhaps one of the most overrated bands ever, the "Animals," as they are called by those in the know, still continue to perform well, nonetheless, on a good night. Their new album, *Ecstasy*, is an excellent compendium of party and dance oriented rock, and probably the best local album of this year. With all but one of the songs original, it certainly beats the cover-ridden earlier efforts, like *Nashville Babylon*. Their sound is good, fast-paced, dance-oriented, and deserves to be given a chance.

### Jason and the Scorchers

Only one local band, though, has a national record contract and thus will soon no longer be a local band. Of course, I'm talking about Jason and the (Nashville) Scorchers. Their new album, *Fervor*, has been released on the EMI-America label and soon, with the aid of an MTV-aired video, this album will be making national waves. The Scorchers' roots, though, are here in the Music City, as any Nashvillite can tell from their country-influenced sound. Jason's gimmick is to take country-style lyrics and set them to a quicker rock beat. The result is a twangy style that you can't help but like. Check out "Sweet Marie," now playing on 91.

### The Practical Stylists

Once you get those two out of the way, it gets harder, because those two groups tend to dominate the local scene. However, three other bands come to mind when you think "Nashville." Practical Stylists recently suffered the loss of their guitarist, who last played with them at "Modern Music Mania," aka Alternative Jam IV. The Stylists have built quite a local reputation, mostly because of their single "General Beat." The sound is thin and well-produced, accented by a fast guitar.

### Afrikan Dreamland

Afrikan Dreamland, Nashville's premier reggae group, also has a fine sound that bears listening to. The music is clearly Jamaican, and purer reggae cannot be found in Nashville; even the Nerve doesn't come close. You might encounter one of the members if you were to hang around Laughing Man restaurant for a few hours one day.

Then we have Factual, a group with an almost indefinable sound. Sure, it's new wave, but it's also dance and rock too. They have an LP out, which now may be the only way to experience their sound, since 91 seems reluctant to play them. Maybe 103, one day, when they're bored. . . .

### Best of the Rest

Other than those, none really are big. We've got Contraband, a great party group. Catch them at Psi Kappa Phi—Vandy some day; I did. There's Basic Static, an intense new wave group that are really building a following. We've got Joe Loftis and the Pinks, another good party-dance group. And a host of others, including the really terrible Wrong Band, Minimalogic, Suburban Baroque, Ed Fitzgerald's Civic Duty, Dave Olney and the X-Rays, and of course Tim Krekel and the Sluggers, an all-time favorite. Check them out sometime; dial over to 91 and give a listen to the music born right here in Nashville.

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## Concerts



"Tau Falco and his Unapproachable Panther Burns"



Clash: two new ax grinders

When I first heard that the Clash were going to rock Nashville at Vandy's Memorial Gym, I was shocked that a group who, claiming that America didn't deserve the Clash, still played the US festival last summer for around one million dollars, were going to grace our humble city. After his excessive self-righteousness at the US festival and the ousting of founding Clash member Mick Jones, Joe Strummer, leader of the Clash, seemed like the ultimate hypocrite to me.

Perhaps my opinion was too harsh on poor Joe. Judging from his performance on the WKDA and 91 Rock interviews, Joe Strummer obviously has learned a few lessons from the Malcolm McLaren (ex-Sex Pistols and Bow Wow Wow manager) school of charm. It sounds like he really wants to be a man of the people once again, a savior of the underground rock establishment by stripping away the veneer of the current techno-pop craze and return to the sounds of the Angry British Youth. Perhaps this "back to the basics" approach is one reason why he chose three young newcomers to the rock world to fill out his group, giving them a chance for stardom and him the well-needed new blood to make the Clash once again be the pulse of the oppressed. After hearing the interviews and a friend's testimony (revelation?) after his meeting Strummer, I have the impression that he may actually be a nice guy who is trying to do a good job, leaving his excuses behind. Let's hope for the best.

After all of the beforehand media exposure, the main event, the concert, was rather anti-climactic.

Tau Falco and his Unapproachable Panther Burns, from Memphis, TN, opened the show. Their opportunity to shine was ruined by a terrible sound mix by the PA system. The band does have some personality especially the leader, but he came off a jerk after he put down Nashville for their bad taste. (However, I agreed with him—the parties involved in throwing cans on stage were indeed quite boorish.) Overall, I can't pass judgment on them because their PA sound and atmosphere were so bad.

The clash played the same old songs, with the new members giving them more of a raw almost heavy metal sound. One of the new guitar players was especially entertaining, because he really seemed to enjoy playing live. I was disappointed that the Clash didn't play "Should I Stay or Should I Go" or "Train in Vain," but I believe they were deleted because they were Mick Jones' songs. "The Clash" is almost a misnomer for the group that appeared that night; instead, it should have been called "Joe Strummer and his Clash." Strummer's strong personality was obvious if not overbearing, during the concert; fortunately, he wanted to give the audience what they wanted: real rock and roll.

Compiled by Crass Loman



Bongos at Underwood Auditorium, November '83



B-52's at Memorial Gymnasium, February '84

## Big Country

Monday, March 12, Big Country played in the Jackson Hall at the TPAC to a near full house. The opening band, Wire Train, was the highlight of the evening, playing their underground radio hit "Cave of Hello" and a repertoire of fast paced, psychedelic oriented music. They were truly impressive.

I wish I could say the same about Big Country. Admittedly, they have one of the best bass players on either side of the Atlantic who is also an inspiring performer;

however, the rest of the band seemed too pale beside him. It would be a pity to see Big Country become the Asia of '84—strong first album followed by a tepid second release. The PA sound was flawless, but only contributed to the dry personality of the group. What Big Country needs to do is loosen up a bit—no more "America never does anything original anymore" statements please. A promising group, but didn't the media say that about Asia, too?

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## Opinions

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### Youth Should Vote In '84 Elections

By Bryan Hassel

"Why should I vote? Millions of people vote. What difference will my vote make?" Questions like these are common in an election year. When the media reports that so many millions support this man and so many millions support that man, the common reaction is to consider one's own vote insignificant and unimportant. For many reasons, however, attitudes like these are dangerous and counterproductive.

Young people are especially likely not to vote. The eighteen-to-twenty age group is the voting block that participates the least in elections. But youth—the adults of tomorrow—have the right to vote when they turn eighteen, and their vote counts as much as any other age bracket. For many reasons, youth must begin now to exercise this right in America.

The most concrete reason youth should vote is to gain political power. By voting, the individual has input into which politicians will be making decisions in government. Through this influence, the voter has at least an indirect effect on policies that are set. Furthermore, consistent voting makes politicians respect the desires of a given age group. If no 18-21-year-olds vote, politicians will pay no attention to what a few 18-21-year-olds are saying. Conversely, if most 18-21-year-olds vote, politicians will have to address their needs. A youth-block

that does not vote has no effect on politics; an active group of young voters can make great strides in achieving their common goals.

In the process of voting and participating in the political system, youth also gain valuable knowledge. Assuming that an eighteen-year-old does not just go to the polls and randomly pick a candidate, it is clear that in order to vote, a youth will try to make himself aware of the choices he has. He will listen to debates or read articles which explain candidates' views. In the process, he will understand the issues of the campaign more fully and thus understand the current state of affairs in the world more clearly. This understanding in and of itself is a valuable by-product of a voting youth and is thus a compelling reason for young people to use their power of the ballot.

On a more abstract level, the act of voting helps to assimilate young men and women into the adult world. Leaving high school and moving on to a different life, youth are forced to take on new responsibilities. One of the responsibilities that all Americans have to face sooner or later is that of running the nation. Voting is the primary way for people in a democracy to participate in the management of the government, and voting is an easy way for youth to become a part of this adult duty.

The final reason why youth

should vote applies to everyone, not just young people. Voting is the basis of democracy. The whole concept of a democratic system is that the common man has a right to participate in some way in the workings of the government. Such a right is what separates a democracy from a totalitarian or authoritarian regime. Such a right is what prevents the government from imposing laws that would restrict the freedom of the people. Indeed, such a right is what makes the United States government a body that is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." If the American public does not use this right, the right may as well not exist. The government may as well deny us our freedoms one by one if we do not stand up and say what we believe. A democracy without a voting populace may as well not even be a democracy at all.

## The Jesse Jackson Campaign: A Drive For Enlightenment

By Bryan Hassel

Many objections have been raised against the candidacy of Jesse Jackson: he is not an experienced politician, he has no knowledge of foreign affairs; he has no expertise in economic policy; he does not

have a firm, overall plan for running the country if elected. These complaints may or may not be true, but Jackson's campaign should not be overlooked by the public simply because the candidate's presidential skills are questionable. Rather, the public should view Jackson's campaign not as a drive for public awareness.

Jackson's campaign is centered around a number of ideas or concepts not often mentioned by the front-runners. It is these issues about which Jackson hopes to raise public consciousness through his presidential candidacy.

Three in particular are especially important: 1. *The need for more voter registration.* Jackson continually emphasizes the power of the ballot in the U.S. His point is that the primary way for people to exercise political power in a democracy is to vote. Much of his campaign is centered around getting people registered and encouraging them to go to the polls on election day. With only one-half of eligible voters registered in Davidson County, Jackson's concern is especially relevant to people in this area.

2. *The concept of community empowerment.* With the jumble of bureaucracy and conflicting

government programs, the question is often raised as to how people in need can be helped. Jackson suggests that people should help themselves and their neighbors by becoming actively involved in political and social issues. He supports the basis of democracy: that the common man has the right and the responsibility to stand up for what he believes in society.

3. *The importance of equality.* Although no candidate would deny that equality is a crucial American value, it is Jackson that continually emphasizes its importance and has made the drive for equality the crux of his campaign. He stresses the "Rainbow Coalition," a combination of people from all different walks of life joined together in the pursuit of a fairer world.

Even if Jackson is not a viable choice for the office of President of the United States, the ideas around which he centers his campaign cannot be disregarded. They go beyond stock campaign issues because they are close to home and related very personally to each individual. Whether or not Jackson achieves the presidency, it would be beneficial for Americans to stop for a minute and look carefully at what the Reverend is saying in this election year.

## Campaigning For Class Offices Needed

By Bryan Hassel

As the end of the second semester nears, the time for class elections also approaches. As always, students in grades 9-11 will choose leaders who will serve for the next year on the Student Council and the Honor Council. But, as usual, the elections will be run off without much preparation and without much thought on the part of the students. As usual, the candidates will each make one serious (or not so serious) speech and the balloting will begin.

MBA is probably one of the only institutions anywhere that elects its students leaders in such a quick and de-emphasized manner. The result is a selection process that is not taken as seriously as it should be. In this editorial, I am going to suggest that the class elections each year should play a larger part in the school.

What can be done to make the elections more visible and thus more meaningful? Basically, the school can begin to urge what can best be referred to as "campaign-

ing." Candidates could make posters stating their ideas and make a concerted effort to explain their intentions to their classmates. More class meetings could be devoted to the upcoming elections. Overall, more emphasis could be placed on the importance of the selection in the few weeks prior to the balloting.

Many benefits would result from such pre-election activities. Most notably, there would be a greater likelihood that the "best men" would be elected to offices.

For one thing, not-so-serious candidates would be unlikely to pursue their candidacies if running for an office required substantial campaigning. Also, class members would be making a much more informed choice when they voted. Writing a candidate's name on one's ballot would now mean that one had heard extensively what the student stood for and one agreed with his proposals in general. The candidates that rose to the top would be the ones who had presented the firmest, most

desirable "platform" to their peers. After elections, the Student Council would also be a stronger body because of the process of selection. In order to run for offices, students would have had to sit down and think of ways to improve the school. Once on the Student or Honor Council, the officer would have the chance to put his ideas into effect.

Furthermore, the rapport between the Student Body and the elected bodies would increase. The students who had followed the campaigns closely would get to know the officers and what they stood for. During the year, they would be able to refer back to the campaign in talking to their representatives about their concerns. If taken seriously, campaign "promises" would mean more and would be more likely to be carried through.

Finally, the election process would be more educational. It would simulate a real election with slogans, speeches, and true campaigning. Students would more fully understand exactly what goes on in real-world elections in politics.

## Hart Offers New Agenda

By Jonathan Cole

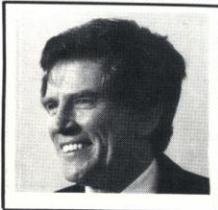
Gary Hart represents the best choice as the next president. A future in a better America is offered by the Senator from Colorado. Out of the four presidential candidates, Gary Hart seems the most capable to be an "active" president who will make changes in the United States and also be nationally and internationally respected.

Senator Hart proposes many changes in foreign policy. He supports the immediate withdrawal of soldiers from El Salvador. The prevention of war in Central America and the Persian Gulf is one of Hart's top priorities. He intends to do so by keeping military forces out of the regions entirely. Gary Hart's primary concern is improving the condition of the United

States. The Senator states that the main problems facing the people in the United States are "hunger, poverty, and disease." This priority is unlike both former Vice President Mondale's and Ronald Reagan's who would fight the communist influence in the world instead of concentrating on America's problems first.

Senator Gary Hart also favors the nuclear freeze. Along with Jesse Jackson he proposes a major cut in Ronald Reagan's enormous defense budget. These changes will help to bring the Soviets back to the negotiating table about nuclear weapons, an arena in which Ronald Reagan has been a failure. Gary Hart opposes the school prayer amendment. He also favors the ERA.

Senator Gary Hart displays the leadership qualities that the United States has not seen in a President since the John F. Kennedy administration. Unlike Jesse Jackson, Gary Hart will be an influence in international affairs. As Mondale is using Wendy's "Where's the beef?" in his campaign, Pepsi Cola's "The look of a new generation" could be a theme of Gary Hart's campaign. The future of America needs a responsible leader such as Gary Hart.



## To The Editor

By Tommy Seales

Recently, I have heard some very negative comments about MBA. I have heard some students say that some teachers are just trying to short change the students. Students complain about how they are being "shafted" by these impossible tests. I have heard comments about how MBA students are so "impersonal." "We are no longer one big happy family." I have also heard certain teachers repeat over and over again that the students have a lackadaisical attitude. I have even heard one student cynically say, "I hate MBA."

First, I believe a person with this

type of attitude should not even be going to MBA. MBA is not trying to "shaft" the students, but instead it is trying to challenge the students in order to bring out the best in a student. I think that the whole problem of cynicism stems from the lack of motivation of the student. This problem is a problem of the student, not of the teacher or of the institution of MBA itself. Therefore, it is up to the student to work out this problem.

One might ask how he is supposed to develop a great love for absorbing knowledge and to strive under the pressures at MBA. I agree that it might be very hard to do. I

can suggest that one make some long-term goals. One should plan his future and do everything now in the present to prepare for the future. If one is going to make a goal, he has to realize that he must start working very hard right now. Making a long-term goal should make one work harder right now.

I think that career-day was very important in making a long-term goal. I also think that student government, clubs and organizations should be helpful in motivating a student. Small "rap" sessions among students would be an excellent way to discuss problems and possibly find solutions.

## Cynicism Can Be Solved



## Outing Club Hikes A.T.

By Andrew Stuart

On February 17-19, the Outing Club travelled to the Appalachian Trail; for the first time, they went to northern Georgia, going from Hightower Gap to Amicalola Falls State Park and crossing Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the A.T. For the first time in Outing Club history, the group, composed of Parish and Paul Lentz, Bruce Francis, Eric McConnell, Scott Pearson, Andy Davis, Andrew Stuart, and Mr. Womack, camped on the Trail Friday night, hiking under the full moon to the Hawk Mountain Shelter after a drive of over six hours to Hightower Gap. After arriving at the Shelter and setting up camp, most of the group took a nighttime preview of the traverse which would cover the following days.

In the morning, while the rest of the group slept, Mr. Womack and Andrew hiked about a mile of former A.T. which led to a man-made bald and Hawk Mountain off which the Trail had been rerouted and which afforded some views of the Blue Ridge. After the two returned to camp, Bruce and Mr. Womack went back to the van to drive to Sunday's destination and complete the shuttle and hike north to Springer Mtn. on the brutal 8.7 mile Amicalola Falls Approach Trail. Meanwhile, back at the lean-to, Andrew prepared to break camp and lead the five remaining stalwarts north to Springer, a distance of about 8 miles, for a late afternoon rendezvous with the northbounders.

The group began and hiked for most of the day on a trail of gentle grade. They marvelled at the Trail, both for its beauty and its remarkably easy grade. They also marvelled at the miraculously clear

skies and warm temperatures which enabled the several hikers to don but shorts and t-shirts. They crossed a plethora of water, both by bridge and rock; they met groups of people (a rare occurrence in February), several of whom stated that they were hiking the entire A.T.; and they saw beautiful waterfalls at which the group made its first of two major stops of the day.

Two well-marked blue-blazed trails, one-tenth of a mile apart led to two most incredible areas. The first of the trails began with a log bridge crossing a very deep, cold, and clear pool of water with gleaming mica at the bottom. While Paul and Eric panned for gold, the others continued to a beautiful composite perimetered by the clear mountain stream. Leaving this area, they ventured to the trail to the waterfalls. At first, they saw just a white froth through the dense stands of rhododendron; but, then, the thirty foot waterfall, which was preceded by four ledges, emerged. Standing at the bottom of the falls, brisk winds blew carrying thick mists.

Reluctantly, the group left the falls and began the ascent to a high ridge at the end of which lay Springer Mtn. They passed the area known as Three Forks, where growth was lush and three sparkling streams trifurcated. Just beyond, there was a trash receptacle where Parish, ever the responsible hiker, deposited waste which he had amassed along the day's route which had been strewn about by the careless and irresponsible hiker. The groups wished to make another stop, since they had no regard for Time, which is meaningless in the Trail environment. Therefore, at the confluence of the A.T. and the Benton McKaye Trail, a trail named

in honor of the man whose idea it was to construct an Appalachian Trail, the hikers rested and reflected for nearly an hour.

Having left the wondrous place, they arrived at Springer Mtn. a short time later where they were assuaged by magnificent views from a rocky ledge in which was embedded a plaque with the inscription: "Appalachian Trail: A Footpath for Those who seek Fellowship with the Wilderness." After nearly an hour of sunbathing in seventy degree temperatures on the rocks, two worn hikers straggled to the summit—Bruce and Mr. Womack.

Water was collected at a cold brook and dinner was begun after tents had been set up in a semi-open, grassy area just off the apex of Springer Mtn. Nourished, some of the group returned to the ledge to watch and photograph an extraordinary sunset. After that, having arrived back at the camp, a fire was constructed, since temperatures had plummeted to a seeming twenty degrees and star-gazing was the order of the night before the group crawled into warm sleeping bags for a long night's rest.

Arising in the morning, under grey skies and in fog, breakfast was prepared and the nearly nine mile hike to Amicalola, which Bruce and Mr. Womack had braved the day before, commenced; it was the longest second day in Outing Club history. Alas, it was not downhill as had been expected by some. Three brutally steep climbs up Black, Woody, and Frosty Mtns. took much energy out of many (all energy out of some). They arrived at the Amicalola Falls with one mile to go to the van which they could see far below them. They arrived at the Visitors' Center, greeted by the stares of unknowledgeable visitors. The group ruefully left the mountains at midday headed back to the drudgery of city life.

The Outing Club returns to the A.T. in April.

## Class News



### Freshmen

By Chip Blaufuss and Sandy McLeod

Congratulations to the following freshman athletes who made varsity teams: baseball—Steven Hooper, Bobby Whitson; tennis—Sandy McLeod, Tommy Frist, Jody Davis, soccer—Scott Sprague. Whose blue Cutlass has been seen on Belle Meade Blvd.? ... Frist decides to make tennis fun. ... Due to great frosh baseball talent, Mr. Bennett makes a J.V. baseball team. ... Chip Blaufuss decides to drop football—FOREVER. ... Maves—a goalie? ... Clay Hardin's science fair backboard—just the right size. ... Trey Spence knows where the party is. ... Randy Pelayez—the next David Lee Roth?

### Sophomores

By Chris Sanders

Welcome back from Spring Break sophomores. I know you all had a great time. School is the same and teachers are the same. Takis "Zombie" Patikas had a good time at Pi Phi presentation. The baseball team finds out what Canadians are really made of. Soper invented a new style of pole vaulting: head first. Sophomore class baseball

team members (Rob McNair, Talbot Masten, Chip Fridrick and Jay Owen) perform very well.

### Seniors

A glance at the recent "Boys Due in Study Hall" reveals 35 of 77 due out of the senior class. This list does not include some members of the top quintile who dropped into the 70's and 80's. Those figures lend more validity to self-enterpriser O'Neal's booming bumper sticker business. ... Spring Break was, let just say, interesting (The St. Thomas (not the island) group was headed by Ballenger and Pollack). ... The Colorado group was spearheaded by Mr. "Bruce Stringsteen" Menke. Michael "Tuba" Fabian, and Garth Falls did their fair share of skiing. ... But meanwhile in Lauderdale: Matt "Time Out" Drury became a lacrosse fan; Keb'm sang the Canadian national anthem; and Gil "Dr. Spot" Lackey was "hungry about that". ... Cloud of depression covers campus as seniors receive word from colleges. ... Arthur "Does his collar stand up in the rain?" Jones boasts new girlfriend. ... I leave you with the immortal words of Julius Caesar: "Veni, Study, Slay". ... Yours at a cheap price, Precocious Pole.

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## 1984 Science Fair Best Ever

By Morgan Wills

Once again, the annual MBA tradition of the Science Fair has been revived, and with tremendous success. The Science Fair has been at MBA for over a decade and is mandatory for anyone taking a science here. This year's fair, like so many before it, had a good number of outstanding projects. The categories in grades 9-12 consisted of Botany, Chemistry, Microbiology, Physics, and Zoology.

Out of the 69 exhibits in Botany first place was taken by Paul Kahlon's *The Effects of Growth Hormones on Plants*. Three second and two third place ribbons were also handed out to plant projects. The winner in the Chemistry division was *Bioluminescence Determination of ATP* by Willie Lin. Several other projects out of 82 exhibits merited second and third place ribbons in this competitive division.

This year's smallest division with only 30 exhibits, Microbiology still proved to be a very interesting category. Jiannlin Shiao proved the old adage that the longer the title, the better the grade, by winning first place with *The Efficiency of Leukocytes in Controlling Systemic Infections of*

C. Albicans.

Using a perennially favorite topic, Bobby Frist won first prize in Physics with *A Study of Pendulum Motion*. Elsewhere, David Chickey brought away the top prize in Zoology with his experiment, *A Study of the Effects of a Liquid Protein in Mice*.

The crowd favorite in this year's Science Fair was Bill Bainbridge's *The Doppler Effect on the A-Team*. For those who missed it, the project included all 5 mini-action figures from *The A-Team* T.V. show as well as their own mini-van. The experiment was even recorded on tape for our listening pleasure.

Not to be outdone, the junior school had a Science Fair of its own. Their Fair was divided into three categories. Trevor Edwards won first place in the Earth Science division with *Fossils*. The *Growth of Mold on Bread With and Without Preservatives* by Demetri Patikas claimed top honors in the Biological Science division. Lyle McDonald's unique project, *Why Paper Airplanes Fly*, got him a first place ribbon in Physical Science, edging out such top-notch exhibits as *Soap* and *Rust*.

For the third year in a row MBA will be sending some of the best high school projects to the Middle

Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair held at Vanderbilt. In 1982 and '83 the school sent 2 and 9 projects, respectively, but this year close to 40 MBA students will be attending the Fair. Dr. Thomas put it bluntly saying, "We want to come away with the big prize this year," referring to the award given to the school with the most places. Arshad Khan, despite not participating in the MBA Fair, is hoping to win first place overall with an extension of his famous experiment *Phospholipase A in the Lungs of Animals*.

Certain cash prizes and awards are given to outstanding projects in each of 12 categories. Other than these categories given by Vanderbilt, international contributors varying from the armed forces the Eastman Kodak Company also award outstanding projects. Other local contributors will give cash awards of up to \$75. The Fair will take place April 12-14.

Overall, this year's Science Fair was a huge success. Dr. Thomas said, "This has been the best Science Fair since I've been here, mainly because more students put more worthwhile effort into it." Hopefully, next year's fair will be as good as this one has been.



## Microbe Baseball

By Griffin Vincent

Although rain has postponed the debut of this year's edition of the 7th and 8th grade baseball team, the team has shown a great deal of enthusiasm and hard work in practices so far this spring. Since Mr. Coldwell trimmed the ranks from 30 to 15 during try-outs, the team has shown tremendous promise and talent as the search for a starting lineup commenced. So far, competition and spirit have characterized the team's workouts, and thus, prospects for the success of this year's team are indeed promising.

Although this year's 15-man squad is made of 10 eighth-graders, only 5 eighth-graders return from last year's team. Returning lettermen include: catcher Marc Smith, pitcher Demetri Patikas, outfielder David Spichard, first baseman Jim Norris and short-stop Mike Morrissey. All of last year's returning team members are slated to start the team's opener, probably against Northside on April 13. Games with FRA and Harding Academy have already been postponed due to rain.

Although this year's team returns fewer players than any team in the last five years, its prospects are bright because of the addition of many talented 7th graders, as well as the addition of several "near misses" from last year's tryouts. New members of the squad include 8th graders: David Hobbs, Tom Rogers, Bill Hitt, Alex Rice, and Matt Williams and 7th graders: Harley Bodine, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Chris Calton, Drew Robison, and Forrest Connor.

With the help of "new blood" and lots of enthusiasm from the newcomers, this year's team hopes to bolster a strong foundation for what, hopefully, will be a very successful season.

## MBA Microbe Tennis Team Ready For Action

By Mike Wood

The MBA microbe tennis team is looking forward to a very challenging 1984 spring season. According to Coach Rick Carter, the microbes must play some tough tennis to improve on last year's 5 and 2 record. After two weeks of difficult challenge matches, Coach Carter's "top ten tennis men" are now ready for action.

Eighth graders Jay Riven, Chris Baird, Charlie Hatley, and Mason Houghland will be joined by



Dawson Thombs heads upfield on a muddy pitch in a soccer game against Father Ryan. The soccer team is vying for a berth in the State tourney.

## J.V. Soccer Hopes To Improve

By Scott Pearson

The 1983-84 Junior Varsity soccer team sincerely hopes to improve on last year's disappointing record of 2-3-1. The team is admittedly young but possesses many skilled and experienced players including Jimmy Zibas, Scott Boone, Barry Lancaster, Robert Willingham, and Chris Baird, as well as the incomparable and unforgettable Peter Paris at goalie.

This awesome array of athletic ability and incarnate jockdom is coupled with the able coaching of Mike Purcell, a teacher at Westminster. Purcell asserts that the squad is "one of the finest collections of talent and effort" he has ever seen and hopes to elevate the hallowed tradition of MBA soccer to new heights during the spring season.

The team proved itself worthy of this praise and capable of being a successful unit when the Red fought a strong Brentwood High platoon to a standstill despite MBA's lack of a full field practice before the

match. The Big Red were hampered by an inability to put the ball into the goal despite several opportunities. The defense, which played superbly for the entire game, allowed a goal in the last few minutes of the final contest for a final score of 1-0.

## Microbe Track

By John Downer

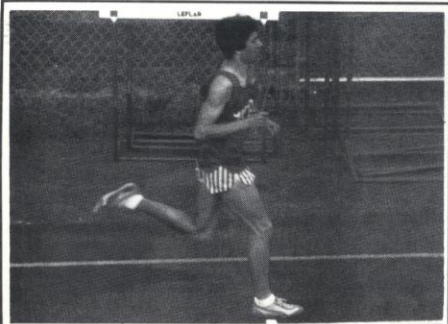
Under the direction and inspiration of Mr. Gaither, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zenanko, the 1984 microbe track team presents talent and has promise for a good year.

Several seventh and eighth graders have made and will make valuable contributions to the team. The field events include Marc Smith in the shot put and discus and Emmett Russell and Mike Morrissey in the long jump. In the running events, the distance runners consist of Steve Zibas and Jay McKnight in the 1600 meters and 800 meters. The sprinters include Emmett Russell and Rob Archer.

School, and Franklin Junior High. It is hoped that the microbes will be in top form for the HVAC tournament.

seventh graders John Smithwick, Jody Roberts, Ken Johnson, James Check, Charles Treadway, and Billy Bradshaw. The top ten as well as the rest of the microbe netters promise to make MBA a contender in the HVAC.

The microbes will play HVAC opponents BGA, Franklin Road, Brentwood Academy, and a very strong Ensworth squad. Other outer-divisional opponents include Chattanooga-Baylor, University



Half-miler Rob Alley kicks in his leg of the 3200 meter relay on the MBA track.

## Soccer Team Excels Despite Injuries

By Chris Guzikowski

The Varsity Soccer team, under the guidance of veteran coach John Lanier, has completed the first half of its season with a 3-1-2 record. Despite a plague of injuries, the Big Red has placed itself in a good position for the postseason state tournament.

Mr. Lanier believes that the injuries have "somewhat deterred the team's progress," but he holds great hope for this team's chances. "If we beat Hillwood, and if all of our casualties heal, we have a good shot at the State."

Injuries for the snake-bit kickers have included: Ross Ballenger (back), Davidson French (finger, ankle), Tim Don (shoulder), Chris Guzikowski (thigh), and John Enkema (thigh). Along with these injuries, many players have been held below par due to various ailments.

Bright spots for this year's squad have been halfback Stephen Young and Freshman Forward Scott Sprague. Returning lettermen Currey Hall, Tim Don, Cooper Lilly, and Stephen Jones have performed well. Senior goalkeeper Kevin Wolfe has also played well.

The team has received good support from the student body, an enthusiasm that the team hopes will continue. Here is a summation of games thus far:

### MBA 7 FRA 0

The Big Red opened up its season at home on March 6 by pounding Franklin Road 7-0. Six different players scored as Freshman Scott Sprague netted two goals. Goalkeeper Currey Hall recorded the shutout.

### MBA 4 Clarksville 0

After a tumultuous Spring "Break" (no pun intended Mark, Ross, or Davidson), MBA returned home on March 21 to trounce Clarksville 4-0. Tim Don erupted for four goals, while Bob Enkema added two and Scott Sprague one. Goalkeeper Kevin Wolfe notched the shutout.

### Hendersonville 3 MBA 2

On March 27, the Big Red kickers faced Hendersonville at home. Careless defense and a first half injury to Davidson French allowed the Commandos (nice nickname, eh?) to post a 3-0 lead with fifteen minutes remaining in the match. The Big Red offense, held in check most of the game, tallied two goals in the next few minutes, with goalkeeper-turned-forward Currey Hall and Cooper Lilly earning the scores. But it was too little too late for MBA.

### MBA 1 Ryan 1

The Big Red faced its biggest challenge at home on Friday March 30 in a division match against Father Ryan. The match ended in a tie which did not hurt the Big Red's playoff hopes. MBA went out on top just before halftime on Stephen Jones' tally. Ryan's Billy Humphreys knotted the score in the second half, and the Big Red held on for a tie, despite playing with ten players (due to a questionable red card to Bob Enkema).

### MBA 2 BGA 1

On the following Tuesday, Lanier's warriors defeated a talented and young BGA squad 2-1. Early in the game, Tim Don weaved through the Wildcat defense and neatly pocketed a shot in the net. Minutes later BGA tied the score on a head shot. MBA was forced to play the second half without Don, who sustained a shoulder injury in the first half. In the second half, Scott Sprague's corner kick was mishandled by the BGA goalkeeper resulting in an MBA victory. It wasn't pretty but as Mr. Lanier so profoundly stated: "We'll take it."

### MBA 0 Overton 0

In a division match, MBA travelled to Overton April 6. A lackadaisical Big Red contingent could only manage a tie versus the physical Bobcats. This tie left the Big Red in good shape in the State playoff picture. A loss would have been seriously damaging.

## Optimism Runs High For Track Team

The 1984 track season has progressed very well for the first half of the spring. The team opened its season with a heart-breaking loss to Hillsboro on a brisk March 7. Despite losing the meet by one point (68-69) MBA led the entire meet until the last event.

Returning from Spring Break (and to the infamous Love Circle Workouts), the team managed to post its first victory over a somewhat weak Franklin squad 101-34 on March 19. MBA enjoyed the victory with fine efforts: Eric McConnell high jumped 6'4", Scott O'Neal hurled the discus 107'6", John Edwards ran 400 meters in 53.0, David Wood ran 2 miles in 10:00.2, McConnell ran the 110 hurdles in 17.0, and Bryan Hassel ran the 800 in 2:10.4.

On the other end of the spectrum, MBA challenged Overton the following week only to be beaten like a drum. The team, despite losing 86-51, hung tough with the Bobcats and gave them the toughest competition to date.

The last dual meet for the 1984 team took place on April 5 at MBA against Hillwood. Despite the Toppers' stubborn efforts, the Big Red Tracksters managed to top Hillwood 75-62 with impressive performances by: Eric McConnell's high jump [6'2"], Steve Rollins in the intermediate hurdles [43.5], John Edwards in the 400 [53.3], Bill Farrell in the 800 [2:09.2], David Chickey in the 200 [23.1], and Dave Wood in the 3200 [10:16].

On April 7, MBA competed in the first big meet of the 1984 season at the Tornado Track Classic at McCallie. Despite the tough competition amongst the ten private schools invited, MBA showed a strong performance by placing 4th with 76 points, behind Brentwood, McCallie, and Baylor. Pacing performances in the thick air of Chattanooga were victories in the 3200 meter relay (D. Wood, J. Edwards, B. Tirrell, R. Alley . . . [8:23]) and the 1600 meter relay (P. Bard, J. Edwards, R. Alley, D. Chickey . . . [329.8]). Second place efforts were recorded by Buddy Knight in

the pole vault [11'6"], the 3200 meter run by David Wood [9:55], and David Chickey in the 400 meter dash [50.6]. Third place efforts were David Chickey's 100 meter dash [11.4] and the 800 meter relay (P. Bord, B. Crants, B. Knight, D. Muddiman . . . [1:36.1]).

The team now faces the larger meets of the season climaxing at the State Meet to be held May 12, at MBA. The team will compete in the Optimist, Banner, and Regional meets in the upcoming weeks. The team would appreciate all support.

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## Garfinkel Wins State Title

By Scott Thompson

For the second straight year, junior Scott Garfinkel won the State Wrestling Championship. The 1983-84 wrestling season was a rebuilding year since seven out of twelve starting wrestlers graduated last year, including state champion Kent Rollins and runner-up John Dale. A second obstacle in the season was the new addition on the gym which left the team without a practice room and forced them to travel to the vacant Tennis-Unlimited courts for practice every day.

Nevertheless, after working all season, the team was successful at the District Tournament, placing 3rd behind Brentwood Academy and Hillwood, with eight wrestlers advancing to the Region. The Campbell brothers both placed 4th at the 98 pound and 105 pound weight divisions.

MBA's two eventual state contenders, Walter Smithwick and Scott Garfinkel, both did well in the District. Smithwick, wrestling with a fractured hip, defaulted to get 2nd place and Garfinkel won his division.

### Frosh Track Undeclared

By Robbie Bueno

This year's freshman track team, coached by Mr. Compton, hopes to have a more successful season than last year's squad. At this point in the season, it is difficult to say how well the team will do, but the team's performance in their last two meets were very promising.

In their first meet, they finished first with 80 points, beating Franklin and Ryan by 38 and 63 points, respectively. The multi-talented Johnny Thompson led the team with 17 points by placing first in the discus, 110 hurdles, and the 200. Will Meyer was second in the scoring with 10 3/4 points. He placed first in the pole vault and 400. Brennan Fitzpatrick placed first in the shot put. Peter Paris won the high jump. Andy Davis won the 1600, and the 1600 relay team won

sion. Paul Soper at 132 was beaten by one point by eventual champion Mat Hendricks and went on to place third in the District. Chris Smith placed 4th in the District at 138. Rollins and Saperstein at 167 and 185 respectively placed 3rd in the district with Steve Rollins losing to Joel Taylor from Brentwood, the eventual winner.

However the success ended for most of the team at the Region, with Smithwick and Garfinkel the sole representatives to go to the state. Smithwick, with continued hip problems, defaulted his way to fourth place while Scott met Walter Batey of McGavock in the finals and pulled off a 9-8 win.

The final matches of the year were held at Lipscomb, February 18th and 19th. In the first round, Walter was beaten by the eventual state champion (from McCallie), 10-6, and was put out in the second round. Garfinkel's first round was an 8-5 win over Russell George of Christian Brothers and the same in second round over Knoxville Hall's Phil Nussbaumer.

Next, for the 3rd time this year,

also.

In their second meet, the freshmen defeated Overton, 65-44. This victory was significant, for it was only the second time in history that the Overton freshmen had lost a dual meet. Once again, the team was led by Johnny Thompson with 21 points. Thompson continued to show his athletic skill by placing first in the long jump, discus, and the 100. Peter Paris scored 13 points by placing first in the high jump and 110 hurdles. Also placing first were Will Meyer in the pole vault, and Andy Davis in the 1600 and 800.

If these two meets are any indication of the level of competition that MBA will face, the freshmen should have a very successful season and do well in the city championship, to be held at MBA in April.

Scott met Walter Batey and, after another intense match, came out ahead 5-4. Then, in the last match of the season, Garfinkel wrestled Kevin Jones of Bradley Central. The final score was 2-1 and the junior wrestler had captured a second state title.

After a rebuilding year, the team could not be too unhappy and neither could Coach Williams, who commented on the team's year. "After a long hard season—it sure was nice to win the last match."

And so the season ended with a congratulations due to Scott Garfinkel and a wrestling team returning next year with only one member graduating.



Bill Cochran tangles with an opponent in varsity wrestling action.

## Controversy Rocks Bike Race

By Bill Cochran and Jeff Gaw

On a cold, wet, windy, God-forsaken afternoon in late February, 28 young MBA athletes went forth to the MBA track facility to exhibit their pedaling prowess in the 4th (or 5th) annual Bike Race promoted and directed by Jeff Gaw and Dr. Niemeyer of *The Bell Ringer*.

The seven teams of four had to pedal 50 laps around the track to finish. It was a grueling test of endurance and courage. Competitive spirit ran high. Kyle Knight, a rider for "Passion-Over-Reason," the defending champions, commented: "It takes a real man to come out here and give it his all."

The bike race was highlighted by a controversial decision concerning the race for third place. The "Jock Strappers," a team composed of Jeff Gaw, Harry Peffen, Frank Wilk, and Nick Seveking, claimed the right of third place, since Frank Wilk passed Hunt Adams of "Team X" at the end of a lap to finish. Indeed, Frank did pass Hunt, but the controversy lies in whether "Jock Strappers" completed 50 or 49 laps. Jay Owen, the questionable but well-fed lap-counter for the "Jock Strappers"

said: "You could say that I'm almost positively sure that they did fifty laps."

At the end of the race, emotions ran wild. Bill Cochran, captain of "Team X" was almost delirious at the thought of being cheated out of a well-deserved third place. Nobody knows the truth of the matter. Officially, the "Jock Strappers" were given 3rd place, but to this day, there is doubt about the validity of the award.

The day after the race, exemplary student and age-old philosopher Kenny Russell was heard saying to himself: "Is truth reality? For if it

is, then the race for third place was just a figment of our imaginations."

Harry Peffen, alternate captain of the "Jock Strappers," was, of course, not at a loss for words on the matter as he stated: "You never had a chance against us, Bill. Face it!"

Oh, the "Tutankhamons," composed of Matt Dolloff, Sam Graber, Steve Altmeier, and Elliot Sloan sped an excellent race and soundly defeated pre-race favorite "Passion-Over-Reason," with a time of 38 minutes to earn the victory.

## Soccer Team Kisses Dumptruck

By Davidson French and Mark Pollack

Bound for weeks of bacchanalian pleasures (wine, women, and soccer), the 1984 version of the MBA soccer team met at dawn of March 9, 1984 on the MBA campus to prepare for the now defunct trip to Tampa. Having blown off school, the players had vowed to cast off any social and/or moral responsibilities for the duration of the trip. Little did they know of the tragic consequences of this covenant with the Devil.

Seven seniors Elliot "Psycho" Sloan, Ross Ballenger, Mark Pollack, Davidson French, Tim Don, Kevin Wolfe, and Currey Hall, piled into Elliot's casket on wheels. Realizing that they had forgotten one of the necessities of decadency, the music, they headed for Kevin's house to get the box.

With Elliot's suburban taking the lead, the soccer team pulled out of MBA looking much like a funeral procession. (Foresadowing, perhaps?) At approximately 6:15 a.m., the early morning haze enveloping the caravan and the landscape, they headed towards Harpeth Hall on Estes Road.

Meanwhile, on the other side of Gotham City, a caravan of two-ton steel, gray dumptrucks driven by a cerebral vacuum was moving at cruising speed to intercept them at the Woodmont Blvd.-Estes Rd. intersection. Driven by insane jealousy over the team's going to Florida, attending school, and having a life, these evil-doers had planned to thwart them from their intended "mission."

As they approached the crossing, the trucks reached ramming speed, yet, they were premature (probably characteristically). Their calculations had "accidentally" put them, strangely enough, through a red light in the middle of the intersection. To quote the immortal words of Mr. Kevin Jacob Wolfe: "Not key." These seven semi-sedate, innocent and morally chaste missionaries were awed as God's instrument of wrath loomed before them.

At this point, passion obliterated any semblance of reason. Elliot, realizing that the team's combined weight and that the potential of the transfer-ence of kinetic energy would easily propel his vehicle through the paper-thin Fischer-Price Lego dump truck, wisely sallied farther.

Cadavers littered the boulevard. The sky broke as the crimson sun shone down upon the macabre scene. Gotham City awoke to screams of Mr. Lanier searching the mangled metal for his prized pupil, Tim Don. Passing the ambulance on the way to the hospital, the injured, Currey, Ross, Davidson, and Mark, were treated to Mark's repertoire of Islamic vows and oaths.

At the hospital, our new "manifest destiny," Currey was heard to say, "Just leave me in the car; I just want to close my eyes and rest," obviously sacrificing his own well-being for the others' bleeding hearts. Rock of Gibraltar, Salt of the Earth, Man among Men.

Inside the emergency room, everyone was X-rayed as Mark and Ross resigned themselves to spending Spring Break '84 at St. Thomas Island, off the coast of Nashville, Tennessee.

## Tennis Team Eyes State Crown

By Chip Blaufuss and Sandy McLeod

This year's team is characterized by the strong experienced talent of John Gallaher, Fletcher Lance

Hunt Warner, Kip Smith, and Garth Fails. Adding to the depth of the team are second year Mike Wood and Beau Wilson. Newcomers Vivek Sahota, Tommy Frist,

Sandy McLeod, and Jody Davis are expected to help the team not only this year but also in future years with Sahota being a strong contender for the top six this year.

The top six players at present are (1) John Gallaher (2) Fletcher Lance (3) Hunt Warner (4) Vivek Sahota (5) Kip Smith and (6) Garth Fails.

Mr. Poston, the team's coach, feels that the team has very good chances of winning the state title. Other contenders for the state title are Baylor and MUS.

On March 30, MBA opened its season against Murfreesboro Riverdale. The team defeated a large Riverdale team 15-0 in a match which MBA dominated. Future matches against rival Ryan, MUS, Brentwood Academy, Overton, Knoxville Webb, Baylor, and McCalley will highlight the season. MBA will also compete in the Rotary Tournament in Chattanooga and the Carter Invitational hosted by MBA before the team heads for the district, region, and state tournaments.



Senior tennis star Garth Fails expertly plays the net.



# B-Ball Goes To Region

By David Smith and  
Steve Young

Led by the coaching of Mark Elliott and the outstanding senior leadership of Matt Drury, the Varsity basketball team turned in one of its best performances in the last several years. Paced by big men Drury and sophomore prodigy Jay Schmitt, the team recorded an even record.

The highlight of the season was a district-tourney win over Hillsboro High which avenged two previous losses to the Burros and propelled the Big Red to its first Regional berth in four years.

Next year, the roundballers will lose four starters to graduation, but Schmitt, Jack Brown, Michael Pirie, and others show great potential for continuing MBA's basketball improvement.

## MBA 53 Pearl-Cohn 46

Faced with having only 3 regular starters and playing away from home, MBA pulled the biggest upset of the year over fifth-ranked Pearl-Cohn. Matt Drury had an excellent game scoring 12 points, grabbing 13 boards, and holding 2nd team all-city Nathan Crowder to only 4 points for the Firebirds, formerly known as the Black Tigers. Robin Henderson performed admirably when called upon to start due to injuries to Seniors John Morrissey and Kevin Wolfe. Jack Brown gave a superb effort off the bench in his best performance of the season. Jay Schmitt racked up 10 points and muscled it out underneath for 7 rebounds for the Big Red.

## MBA 59 Glenciff 58

With the leadership of Matt Drury and Jay Schmitt, with 18 and 17 points respectively, the Big Red held on to win a game which was close through the whole second half. Schmitt led all rebounders with 13 while the team hit a sizzling 80% from the line including 14 of 18 in the fourth quarter.

## MBA 44 Brentwood Academy 54

Despite the 4th quarter return of John Morrissey and Kevin Wolfe, MBA put themselves in a hole by being called for 23 fouls. Matt Drury and Paul Richards led the scoring attack with 10 and 11

points, respectively. The physical battle was decided at the free throw line where Brentwood hit 15 in 25 attempts in the fourth quarter alone.

## MBA 61 Hillwood 37

By managing to pull the trigger 25 more times than the Hilltoppers, the squad had a balanced attack from Schmitt, French, and Drury with Schmitt leading with 14. Paul Richards played well as a starter while Make Blade contributed off the bench.

## MBA 47 BGA 59

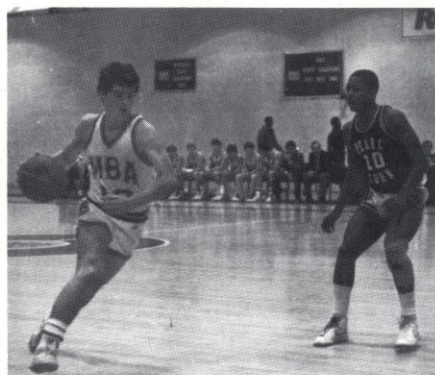
The Big Red's nemesis again proved to be the free-throw shooting with MBA tossing in 3 out of 7 for 43% while BGA nailed 19 of 22 from the line for an incredible 86%. Jay "Bull" Schmitt banged in 14 points and Davidson French added 10. With a traditional homecourt advantage, BGA pulled away in the 4th quarter with an impressive floor display. The Big Red finished the regular season at .500 with 11 wins and losses.

## MBA 59 Hillsboro 57 [OT]

In a hard fought game which went down to the wire and on, MBA managed to pull off a victory over the Burros of Hillsboro who were looking for their 3rd win over the Big Red in the season. Matt Drury scored 2 baskets in the overtime while pouring in 26 points for the game and grabbing 10 rebounds. MBA's rambunctious crowd was a definite factor in helping the team to simply outplay the opponents on the floor.

## MBA 44 Pearl-Cohn 57

Pearl-Cohn got their revenge from an earlier loss to the Big Red on this semi-final district tournament game to advance to the finals. MBA's own version of the Twin Towers, Jay Schmitt and Matt Drury pumped in 16 and 15 points respectively. The Big Red was at an emotional low due to a big win over Hillsboro which put them into the regional tournament. Again, Nathan Crowder was fundamentally shut down, scoring only 8 points.



Davidson French looks for a hole in the Pearl-Cohn defense. MBA upset the Firebirds in mid-season.

## MBA 55 Ryan 47

With improved free throw shooting (15 of 20), the Big Red rolled over Ryan in an encore performance for the third time this season in the consolation game for a third place finish in the district tournament. Schmitt and Drury overpowered the helpless opponents as Jay scored 22 and Matt added 13 while tearing down 9 off the glass. The win assured the Big Red of a winning season for the first time since 1980, another regional placement team (2nd). Matt Drury and Jay Schmitt were honored for their performances by being named to the All-District Tournament Team.

## MBA 42 Maplewood 49

In the first game of the regional tournament, the Big Red lost to the eventual regional runner-up, Maplewood. In the end, the scoring was seen as having been even except for being outscored in the second quarter by 7 points which was the difference in scores at the end. With 3 minutes left, the team had a chance to tie but could not get the ball to fall four straight tries. In the final game of their high school career, Morrissey had 12 points, French had 8, while Drury contributed by grabbing 8 rebounds. Jay Schmitt was high scorer with 17 and was to become a member of the All Regional Tournament Team.

For the year, MBA had 13 wins against 13 losses for a .500 winning percentage. The four seniors, Matt Drury, Davidson French, John Morrissey and Kevin Wolfe, played valuable roles and gave tremendous leadership and experience to the team. Matt Drury, by averaging 13 points and 5 rebounds per outing, was named to the 1st Team All-City. Jay Schmitt, 13 ppg and 4.5 rpg, was named to the 2nd team. Matt also received Honorable Mention for the All-State Team.

## By Bill Bainbridge

All winter long, people have been hearing about J.V. and varsity b-ball but few MBA students have come in contact with the big leagues. I feel that it is my duty as an American to inform all those unfortunate about real basketball—the big leagues—yes—Church Basketball.

When one mentions Church Ball, one immediately thinks of the glamour team—the Westminster Green Hornets. Coach-of-the-Year Haworth Parks led the Hornets through grueling week-night practices and scrimmages (against such teams as employees of the Vandy medical storeroom, FRA J.V., Haworth's wild brothers and friends, other church teams, and a team from the Jewish Community Center) in preparation for Saturday morning games.

After a disappointing start, Haworth bought green undershirts, (a.k.a. Georgetown, Virginia), coined the Green Hornet name, and everything began to gel. The team won six out of their last seven games including the only victory over the eventual season and tournament champ, Belle Meade Methodist. The Hornets finished with a record of 6-3, good enough for third place in the regular season.

In this tournament, they blew out



Dave Malone heads for first base on the MBA baseball field.

# Baseballers Claim Victories

By Alan Jackson  
and Jeff Gaw

The Varsity Baseball team has started out the season with an impressive 5-2 district record and second place in the district. The team began practice February 25 amid cold and wet weather. A trip to Florida, however, saw bright and sunny weather. The team practiced three hours a day, hit the beach, and chased girls while on the trip.

Three days after returning from the trip, Antioch visited MBA. A combination of poor defense, no hits, and lively Antioch bats led to a 14-0 defeat.

The team also had its troubles against Brentwood Academy and Manchester in the next two games, losing 12-3 and 10-2. The team next visited Glenciff with a new spirit of enthusiasm. The result was a 9-0 shellacking of the opponent. Rob McNair pitched a four hitter while Takis Patikas hammered 3 hits.

Overton next ventured to MBA for a game. The team more than avenged defeats in other sports by the Bobcats with a convincing 8-6 victory. Chip Fridrich got the win

as McNair came in during the last inning to strike out the last two batters. Jeff Gaw led the hitting attack with a double and a triple and Rob McNair also had 2 hits.

With a two game winning streak, MBA headed over to Hillwood for its next game. Jeff Gaw and John Morrissey banged out two hits apiece to lead a 3-1 victory. Rob McNair pitched well to record the victory. The Pearl-Cohn Firebirds were the next victim, falling 10-2. Robert Black had four hits, Alan Jackson and Harry Peffen had two and Talbot Masten belted a home run to lead the parade. Fridrich recorded his second win.

Hillsboro visited the next day. The bats were alive again as Gaw, McNair, Jackson, Malone, and Master all had good days at the plate. Morrissey picked up the win.

This five game winning streak was brought to a close by a 3-1 loss to Ryan. Morrissey had three hits but the rest of the bats were silent. With the first half of the season finished the Big Red stands firmly in second place.

# The Big Leagues: Church Basketball

Hillcrest, lost in the semifinal rematch against Belle Meade, but rebounded to earn a third place Tourney finish in a season-ending victory over Belmont. The Hornets were led by seniors Brent Graham and Gil Lackey, a league all-star, juniors Andy Wattleworth, Rob Harwell, Bobby Frist, Bill Bainbridge, and BGA'er Steve Irwin; the Blonde Bombers from Franklin, Todd and Eric Stewart; and Grover Harris, a Hillwood sophomore.

Another team composed mainly of MBA-ers is the Big Blue of First Presbyterian. They were led by Bobby Reeves, Hudson "Shy" Walker, Bill Cochran, Lee Vaughn, Mike Wood, and the tower of power Morgan Wills but were greatly helped out by public schoolers Chris Kennedy and Nathan Ward.

Other MBA students in the league included Eric McConnel on Calvary and David Wood, Jim

Wallace, John Robbins, and Kenny Russell on West End Methodist, Alan Jackson, David Smith, and Scott Haislip played on a church team in a different league.

Church leagues offer a lot to those fortunate enough to participate. They give players a chance to fully enjoy basketball, come together as a proud band of men (like the Green Hornets), and be exposed to unique people (like the one and only Haworth Parks). Personally, I had the time of my life being on the Green Hornets and playing for Haworth. There is something very special about a team bonding together, having fun, and playing as well as we did this past winter. I'm looking forward to next season and strongly urge anyone thinking about playing basketball to play in the big leagues—Church Basketball.

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